

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING
The Academy of Tucson
November 1, 2021

10720 E. 22nd. Street, Tucson, AZ 85748 Room 202
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- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
- II. **Roll Call: Present:** Board Members, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. Mr. Ivan English, Kirsten Stephens, Mrs. Marolyn Pierson and Dr. George Sokol and Mrs. Wendi Allardice, HS Principal and Ms. Bennie Gemello, Business Manager. Guest: Mrs. Linda Allen
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart led.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the corrected minutes for the board meeting held on October 4. Dr. George Sokol moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Kristen Stephens moved and Mrs. Marolyn Pierson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **Call to the Public/Oral and Written Petitions: None**
- VII. **ACTION ITEMS:** None.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports:**
 - a. **Board President, Mr. Howard C. Stewart Jr. :** No Report
 - b. **Superintendent, Mrs. Wendi Allardice**
 - i. COVID update. Two cases on school campuses, one at the Elementary and one at the Middle School. No community transmission. Required to report any cases to the Pima County Health Dept and contact any student who has “close contact “with a positive covid case. Our cleaning protocols and frequency are working and keeping our schools open.
 - ii. Personnel update: Two teachers resigned at the end of the first quarter, 6th grade science/social studies and high school Algebra 1 and Geometry.
 - iii. Elementary School: Playground equipment is schedule to be installed this month. The required SEL (Social Emotional Learning) piece we have integrated into the after school clubs and activities. Academic gains are being

achieved and documented through regular classroom intervention and specific targeted intervention by specialist in Math and English and Emotional Support.

- iv. Middle School: Two new after schools clubs have been added to the Middle School, Magic and a student run school newsletter. These clubs in addition to band, STEM and Kindness Club are providing students with opportunities to interact with their peers in a controlled, non-academic environment. Targeted intervention in math has increased with the help of an interventionist pushing into the classrooms. We are expecting to see gains in benchmarks in January.
- v. High School: PSAT testing took place last week for all 10th and 11th grade students. This test will give us valuable information on ELA and Math performance. New state test for high school will be the ACT. The SAT and ACT have been national standards for tests and college entrance since the 1960s. Recent loss of the Algebra 1 and Geometry teacher has had an impact on the students and staff. It will be imperative to support students and staff.

c. Business Manager, Ms. Bennie Gemello

- i. All bank reconciliations completed
- ii. Current with accounts payable.
- iii. The 1st Quarter Bond Report was completed and sent to the Community Investment Corporation as well as Hamlin Corporation our Bond holder and US Bank.
- iv. Our grants are ongoing.
- v. The approved and signed 2021 AFR has been uploaded to the Arizona Dept of Education.
- vi. Our 40th Day enrollment numbers were uploaded to the state for Kinder through 5th Grade = 190/172.5 (Kinder @.5FTE), 6th through 8th Grade = 179, 9th through 12th Grade = 179 total 548. The population report as of 10/29/21: K-5 = 188, 6th through 8th Grade = 179, and 9th through 12th Grade = 179 total 546.

d. Marketing & Recruitment Director, Ms. Holly Halstead

- i. Reserved a booth at the Tucson Festival of Books March 12 & 13th
- ii. Open Houses from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at all schools scheduled for the first Tuesday of the Month except for January (will be the second Tuesday) 1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5 and 5/3.
- iii. Little Lynx Day from 8th grade to 9th grade will be 2/2/22; 5th grade to 6th tentatively schedule for 3/2/22.
- iv. Continuing to reach out to organizations/groups/schools in the community to connect and share information about the Academy.

v. Working on our Social Media, Website and Person – Person.

IX. Consent Agenda: Expense Vouchers #4 and Payroll Vouchers #7 and #8. Mrs. Kirsten Stephens moved and Mr. Ivan English seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Board Remarks: None

XII. Adjournment: Mr. Howard C. Stewart, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 6:00PM. The next meeting will be Monday, December 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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Bennie Gemello, Business Manager

Date Board Approved